

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20304

We want to have consistent definitions of terms in five chapters of Idaho Code that relate to surveying. The rationale for this is that consistency is necessary whether we are dealing with plats, records of survey, corner records, or any other aspect of Idaho Code.

We want to require professional land surveyors to monument corners when they perform a land survey and to record the survey if certain conditions are met. The rationale for this is that surveyors who perform land surveys should be required to provide evidence of their work product.

We want to require perpetuation of original evidence of the location of a public land survey corner with monumentation meeting current statutory requirements. The rationale for this is that original evidence monumentation standards did not require magnetic detectability.

We want to allow the setting of witness corners or reference points in lieu of reestablishing the original monument at its original location after it has been disturbed by construction. The rationale for this is that there are situations in which it is not possible or safe to occupy or monument the position of a corner set originally.

We want to continue to protect property controlling corners and accessories to corners, and to add the requirement to protect points set in control surveys and benchmarks. The rationale for this is that like property controlling corners and accessories to corners, points set in control surveys and benchmarks are valuable public property which need to be protected in the event construction activities might disturb or destroy them.

We want to clarify the requirements of a Highway Right-of-Way plat. The rationale for this is that numerous ambiguities exist regarding the requirements of monumentation and appropriateness of using a highway right-of-way plat.

We want to correct an error in the requirement that surveys be conducted to a predetermined minimum accuracy. The rationale for this is that the current standard has been understood by practitioners, but contains a technicality that is subject to ambiguity.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the general fund of the State of Idaho or the dedicated fund of the Board

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